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TAGS: SHUM, PDIP, RP  
SUBJECT: NEW YORK INCIDENT -- SOLUTION IN SIGHT

REF: (A) STATE 165097; (B) USUN 2718

1. HAD TWO HOUR MEETING WITH MARCOS THIS MORNING.  
I OPENED MEETING WITH EXPRESSION OF  
HOPE WE COULD TOGETHER FIND WAY TO BRING NEW  
YORK INCIDENT TO SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION. DESCRIBED  
PROBLEMS WE FORESAW IN HOST COUNTRY COMMITTEE HANDLING OF  
ISSUE WITH SUBSEQUENT LIKELY PLAY IN NEW YORK PRESS. THIS  
WOULD BE NO HELP WHATSOEVER IN ACHIEVING AMICABLE SOLUTION  
WE BOTH SOUGHT.

2. AFTER HEARING ME OUT MARCOS SAID HE WAS INCLINED TO  
TAKE NO IMMEDIATE ACTION BEYOND RELEASING AT 1500 HOURS  
MANILA TIME FRIDAY, JUNE 30, THE SECRETARY'S LETTER TO  
ROMULO. I SAID WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THAT AND  
ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD WANT US TO MAKE PARALLEL RELEASE IN  
WASHINGTON. HE CONCURRED BUT URGED THAT IT NOT BE DONE  
BEFORE 1500 HOURS MANILA TIME. GOP PUTS PARTICULAR  
EMPHASIS ON GETTING MAJOR STORIES INTO SATURDAY MORNING  
EDITIONS. I SAID THIS WOULD MEAN WE MIGHT RELEASE LETTER  
AT THE FRIDAY NOON BRIEFING.

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3. MARCOS SAID HE HOPED THAT THE MEDIA WOULD NOT BE GIVEN  
ACCESS TO THE NEW YORK POLICE REPORT. REPLIED I WOULD  
ADVISE WASHINGTON AND USUN TO THIS EFFECT.

4. PRESIDENT CONTINUED HE STILL HAD PROBLEM ON HIS HANDS  
WHICH HE NEEDED OUR ASSISTANCE IN SOLVING. DACALANIO AND  
CEBUANG HAVE BOTH TOLD AMBASSADOR YANGO THAT THEY INTEND

PRESS CHARGES AGAINST NEW YORK POLICE OFFICERS CONCERNED.  
SHORT OF CALLING YANGO BACK TO MANILA AND PERSONALLY ORDERING  
NO SUCH ACTION BE TAKEN, PRESIDENT COULD DO NOTHING TO  
DISCOURAGE THEM FROM FILING SUIT.

5. FOR THIS REASON MARCOS HOPED THAT U.S. SIDE COULD  
ARRANGE MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO FILIPINOS AND PERHAPS THE  
TWO OFFICERS ON THE BEAT WHO HAD BEEN THE FIRST TO GET  
INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT. I ASKED WHETHER MARCOS THOUGHT  
IT USEFUL TO INVOLVE MORE SENIOR PERSONNEL SUCH AS  
SULLIVAN. HE REPLIED IN NEGATIVE, SAYING THAT FILIPINOS  
DO NOT UNDERSTAND IF THE PARTIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN A  
FRACAS FAIL TO COME TO THEM AND TALK PROBLEM OUT. USE OF  
INTERMEDIARIES WOULD PROVE UNAVAILING.

6. I COMMENTED THAT NEW YORK POLICE OFFICERS MIGHT FEEL  
INHIBITED OVER CONTACTING THE FILIPINOS IN QUESTION  
BECAUSE OF CONCERN THAT THEY MAY SUBSEQUENTLY BE TAKEN TO  
COURT BY SAME INDIVIDUALS. MARCOS REPLIED HE SAW HIS  
SUGGESTION AS "THE ONE WAY TO AVOID A COURT CASE." FACE-  
TO-FACE TALKS WOULD HELP TO RELIEVE TENSION BOTH AT GOP  
MISSION TO UN AND GOP EMBASSY WASHINGTON. HE SAW NO OTHER  
WAY OUT AND NOTED THAT CERTAIN LOCAL POLITICIANS, INCLUDIN  
LUIS TARUC, WERE STILL DETERMINED TO EXPLOIT IT.

7. SAID I WOULD REPORT AND ENDORSE HIS RECOMMENDATION.  
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CLEARLY WE AGREED THE BEST THING WAS TO AVOID FURTHER  
PUBLIC WRANGLING AND I HOPED HIS SUGGESTION WOULD PROVE  
FEASIBLE.

8. JUST PRIOR TO SEEING MARCOS I PASSED BY FOREIGN  
MINISTRY AT ROMULO'S REQUEST. HE INITIALLY PROFESSED  
POINT OF MEETING WAS TO SHARE RECENT INTEL ON AREA DEVELOP  
MENTS. WHEN I WORKED CONVERSATION AROUND TO NEW YORK  
INCIDENT, HE QUICKLY NOTED HE WAS CONSIDERING CONTACTING  
PRESIDENT TO SUGGEST THAT HE AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF VANCE  
LETTER.

9. COMMENT: I THINK MARCOS DECIDED TO COOL IT AND  
ROMULO'S STATEMENT ABOVE WAS MERELY DESIGNED IMPLY HE AS  
FONMIN WAS RUNNING WHOLE SCENARIO. TEMPERATURE HAS GONE  
OUT OF INCIDENT AS FAR AS BOTH PRESIDENT AND FONMIN ARE  
CONCERNED.

10. ACTION REQUESTED: USUN CONTACT POLICE COMMISSIONER,  
EXPLAIN RATIONALE FOR MARCOS SUGGESTION AND ATTEMPT  
ARRANGE SUGGESTED RECONCILIATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. KNO  
THAT USG WILL HONOR REQUEST NOT TO RELEASE POLICE REPORT

TO MEDIA. THIS POINT SHOULD BE MADE FORCEFULLY TO POLICE  
AS WELL.

11. PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATE IF ANY PROBLEM PERCEIVED IN  
GOP RELEASE OF VANCE LETTER 1500 HOURS MANILA TIME  
TOMORROW. I AM HOPEFUL THAT GOP WILL NOT PURSUE HOST  
COUNTRY COMMITTEE MEETING. AM MOST APPRECIATIVE FOR  
SUPPORT AND COUNSEL FROM DEPARTMENT AND USUN IN THIS MATTE  
AND HOPE RELEASE OF LETTER WILL ENABLE US ALL TO GET BACK  
TO BUSINESS OF GREATER MOMENT. MURPHY

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